

This morning PLT delivered the below hardcopy messaging to all protest sites. There was some people that ripped up the messaging upon receipt, some people displayed frustration and anger from the messaging. [REDACTED] one person leaving as a result of the below messaging.

*******MESSAGING*******

Anyone blocking streets, or assisting others in blocking streets, is committing a criminal offence and could be arrested. Those blocking or impeding the movement of people, goods and services are committing unlawful activities and will face charges.

You could be charged with Mischief under the Criminal Code if members of the public are being denied the lawful use, enjoyment and operation of their property or you are causing businesses to close.

The Federal Emergencies Act allows for the regulation or prohibition of travel to, from or within any specified area. This means that anyone traveling to attend an unlawful demonstration is breaking the law. The act also provides police with a number of measures including the ability to seize vehicles that are part of a demonstration.

Ontario law (EMCPA and State of Emergency) now prohibits interference with any critical infrastructure including 400-series highways, railways, airports and international border crossings. It prevents someone from travelling to or from critical infrastructure or preventing anyone from utilizing that critical infrastructure. The EMCPA prohibits anyone from knowingly assisting those committing offences, including the providing of fuel or other materials. It also prohibits someone from seriously interfering with the safety, health or well-being of members of the public. Anyone who commits these illegal actions could face fines or be required to appear in court. Commercial vehicle drivers' licences, private drivers' licences and Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) certificates can be suspended or cancelled. Commercial and passenger vehicle licence plates can be seized.

The OPP encourages Ontarians to familiarize themselves with the Critical Infrastructure and Highways – O. Reg. 17/22 to ensure they know and understand their rights.

Charges and/or convictions related to unlawful activity associated with demonstrations may lead to denial in crossing the U.S. border.

The below messaging is currently out for French translation. Once back and approved by IC's the messaging will be messaged by OPS via social media / media release to be picked up by main stream media and hopefully assist in quelling counter protest groups. The harder messaging may cause angst, frustration and entrench positions within certain circles. Once approved PLT will be delivering the below messaging via telephone and text later this afternoon/evening. A hardcopy of this messaging will be distributed tomorrow morning to all protest sites for education before enforcement. PLT will continue to work with protest leaders to ensure peaceful resolution to these events and to continue to communicate exit strategies and be available for any communication with protestors, the community at large and any other impacted stakeholders.

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Proposed PLT/Frontline Messaging – Wednesday 16FEB22

We want to inform you that under provincial and federal legislation, you will face severe penalties if you do not cease further unlawful activity and remove your vehicle and/or property immediately from all unlawful protest sites.

- You may be arrested and charged with criminal offences including but not limited to mischief, and potentially charged with a variety of other non-criminal offences.
- Your vehicle and property may be seized or removed.
- Your driver's licence may be suspended or cancelled.
- CVOR (Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration) certificates may be suspended or cancelled.
- Your personal or business bank accounts, including virtual currency, may be subject to examination and restriction.
- If you bring a minor (a person under 18) with you to an unlawful protest site, you may be charged and fined up to \$5000 and/or potentially spend up to five years in prison.
- Those who are delivering fuel and other supplies to those taking part in the unlawful demonstration can be charged.
- Persons traveling to any other unlawful protest sites to participate in or support the unlawful demonstration can be charged.
- Be aware that legislation now prohibits interference with any critical infrastructure including 400-series highways, railways, airports and international border crossings.